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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on fresh and frozen whole turkeys was at least steady. Inquiry for the holiday ranged from light to instances good. Frozen offerings were mixed regionally. Bulk parts and meats trading was slow and selective. Offerings of product was adequate to long. more than ample for the limited demand.



### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Demand and trading was light. Most buyers remain cautious, while interest to own product coming from Asia, Eastern Europe and Mexico.

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **DECEMBER 05, 2002**

	CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	67-72	67-69	67.33	240	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	66-72	67-71	68.10	490	-	-	-	80	DEC
WESTERN REGION 5/	68-72	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-64	62-63	62.64	110	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-63	63	63.00	35	-	-	-	40	DEC
WESTERN REGION 5/	59-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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CENTRAL REGION 4/	66-72	67-68	67.50	160	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	68-72	68	68.00	40	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	59-62	61	61.00	52	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

**WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF DEC 06, 2002	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	69.56	70.75**	71.13
CENTRAL REGION	69.01	70.25**	69.29
WESTERN REGION	68.00	70.38**	72.19
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	63.00	61.25**	62.00
CENTRAL REGION	61.96	61.44**	60.71
WESTERN REGION	61.00	59.63**	61.67

\*\*BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,  
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	96-99
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	96-99
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	68-73
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	61-66
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	63-68

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY  
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	119-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	119-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	105-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	105-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	105-129

**FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT**

U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, CENTS PER POUND,  
WEEK OF 09-DEC-2002

	<u>(8-16#)</u>	<u>(16-24#)</u>	
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>LBS TOMS</u>	<u>LBS</u>
<u>EASTERN REGION</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>	<u>PRICE (000)</u>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	75.26	522	69.88
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	75.26	522	69.88
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)			
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)			

**TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND**

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS

OCTOBER 515,338\*  
NOVEMBER 1-30, 2002 460,410\*

To date 2002 4,825,304\*  
To date 2001 4,827,402\*

\*PRELIMINARY

**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS**

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 30-Nov-2002

(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	<u>YOUNG TURKEYS</u>			<u>TOTAL TURKEYS</u>		
	<u>PCT</u>	<u>AVG</u>		<u>OLD</u>	<u>AVG</u>	
	<u>CHG</u>	<u>LIVE</u>		<u>BANDED</u>	<u>LIVE</u>	
<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	<u>PW</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	<u>WT</u>		
N EAST	403	-57	25.51	(A)	408	25.51
SATL	458	-52	30.86	(A)	463	30.86
N CENT	1,563	-32	31.50	(A)	1,569	31.50
S CENT	183	-61	26.67	(A)	188	26.67
WEST	200	-73	27.42	(A)	205	27.42
U.S. TOTAL	2,807(B)	-48	29.96	26	2,833	29.96
TO-DATE						
2002	224,419(B)			600	225,019	
TO-DATE						
2001	232,117(B)			553	232,670	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 16,000; for the year 2,573,000; last year to date 2,188,00.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED**

W/E 30-Nov-2002

	<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>HENS</u>		<u>BREEDERS</u>		
	<u>THOUSANDS</u>				
HEAD	946		1,845	16	26
2,833					
AVG WT	15.36		37.46	22.32	33.22
29.96					
LAST WEEK	2,045		3,336	38	65
5,484					
SAME WK YR AGO	2,146		2,670	52	15
4,883					
AVG WT	15.51		36.22	25.13	28.96
26.98					

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**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT,** FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 5 DECEMBER 2002.

Tom bulk parts undertone was steady to instances weak. Hen bulk parts undertone was steady to fully steady on hen 2-joints, balance mostly steady with necks in the softest position. Domestic demand light. Export inquiry ranged light to fair, best on drums at lower trending price levels. Offerings of tom bulk parts were mixed, mostly adequate to burdensome with necks and drums in the longest position. Hen bulk parts offerings were limited on 2-joints, necks adequate to ample, balance light. Increased trading activity was noted on frozen tom breast meat with -6 months age and on frozen destrapped tenderloins from current production at the lower trending price levels. Domestic trading centered on frozen tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins, balance slow. Export trading centered on a fair volume of tom drums and a light volume of frozen mechanically separated turkey. For export: tom necks 11 cents delivered current and tom 2-joint wings 22 cents delivered January.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	91.00		91.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	18.00-21.00		18.11	83
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN				
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	23.00		23.00	8
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM	15.00		15.00	9
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	121.00-125.00		122.52	420
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		W	155.92	520
THIGH MEAT		W	51.00	40
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		W	58.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT		W	73.00	80
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	100.50-101.00		100.71	280
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH				
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		T	48.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	16.00		16.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	17.00		17.00	80
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	16.50-20.00		17.92	436
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	19.50	52
TAILS	17.50		17.50	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	16.00		16.00	208
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	46.00	52

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins. 4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 6 DECEMBER 2002.**

The market tone was steady to barely steady on breast meat. Offerings were more than sufficient for the light demand. Destrapped tenders were readily available in a range of prices. White trims were no better than steady. Tom parts were steady to barely steady as supplies ranged adequate to long. Trading consisted of mostly less than trucklot volumes. A light volume of tails traded at 17 cents. Institutional breasts were 104 on grade A nonbasted 12-14 lb sizes, 100 on plant grade nonbasted 12-16 lbs, 103 on plant grade nonbasted 16-18 lbs and 115 on plant grade basted 20-22 lb sizes. Export activity was light. Wing tips moved at 27 cents delivered port.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	117.00-154.00		135.50	80	135.50	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	90.00		90.00	160	90.33	240
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	20.00-21.00		20.19	210	19.77	413
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH						
DRUMSTICKS, HEN						
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	19.00-22.00		20.75	283	21.12	371
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN						
NECKS, TOM	13.00-14.00		13.14	70	13.35	79
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		R	122.52	420	122.52	420
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	154.00-156.00		155.00	80	155.87	620
THIGH MEAT	53.00		53.00	10	52.56	90
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	57.00		57.00	40	57.50	80
BREAST TRIM MEAT	87.00		87.00	20	87.00	20
SCAPULA MEAT	72.00-76.00		74.00	80	73.50	160
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	110.00		110.00	28	101.86	388
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH						
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	53.00		53.00	30	49.00	150
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	16.00	40	16.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	16.00-17.00		16.41	147	16.76	847
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	19.00		19.00	160	18.32	884
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	19.00		19.00	52	19.00	52
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	19.00-20.00		19.60	200	19.58	252
TAILS		R	17.50	40	17.50	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	16.00	208	16.00	368
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	53.00		53.00	240	51.75	292

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